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SUBJECT: DRAFT CINCUSAFE OPLAN 444

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1. AMONG THE STATED OBJECTIVES OF EXERCISE JOLLY
CONCORD ARE THE FOLLOWING:

-- "TO EXERCISE AIR ACCESS PLANS;"

-- "TO FURTHER TEST THE REVISED VERSION OF OPLAN
444;" AND

-- "TO STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WAG AND
THE BONN GROUP IN A SEVERE CRISIS."

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2. NEITHER THE WAG NOR THE BONN GROUP IS ON DISTRIBU-
TION FOR THE DRAFT CINCUSAFE OPLAN 444 DATED 1 SEP 75.

(IN CONTRAST TO THE 20 DEC 74 DRAFT LIVE OAK OPLAN 444, OF WHICH LIVE OAK LIAISON OFFICE IN EMBASSY BONN RECEIVED FOUR COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO BONN GROUP MEMBERS, IT RECEIVED ONLY ONE COPY OF 1 SEP 75 PLAN.) AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, AND AS THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE HAS MADE CLEAR TO US, IT IS UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT THE BONN GROUP TO WORK WITH A PLAN WHICH ITS MEMBERS ARE NOT OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED TO STUDY. WE ASSUME THE SAME IS TRUE FOR THE WAG.

3. THIS PRACTICAL OBJECTION CAN OF COURSE EASILY BE OVERCOME BY INCREASING DISTRIBUTION. WE CANNOT PREDICT WHAT UK REACTION WILL BE ONCE IT OFFICIALLY HAS THE PLAN.

4. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE ISSUES THIS EMBASSY WILL WISH TO DISCUSS AT A SUITABLE TIME, WE HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT CHANGES WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO ALTER OR DOWNPLAY THE LONG-ESTABLISHED CIVILIAN/MILITARY INTERRELATIONSHIP WHICH IS BASIC TO ALL LIVE OAK ACTIVITIES. WE NOTE WITH INTEREST ELIMINATION OF A PROVISION IN THE EARLIER DRAFT THAT THE WAG WILL "EXERCISE OPERATIONAL DIRECTION OF THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY FORCES DESIGNATED," AND AN APPARENT DESIRE TO DELETE THE BONN GROUP FROM THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IN CERTAIN INSTANCES. IT IS NOT WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE US TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES UNILATERALLY.

5. THESE ARE ONLY EXAMPLES. FULLER STUDY WOULD BE REQUIRED BEFORE WE COULD COMMENT COMPREHENSIVELY, AND QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL BEFORE THE PLAN COULD BE TESTED. CASH.
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